

Appl. No. 09/160,965
Amdt. dated Dec. 8, 2003
Reply to Office action of Nov. 3, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 10-12 remain in this application. Independent claim 13, which contains claim 4, was added. Subsequently dependent claim 4 was canceled.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 4, which was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), was rewritten in independent form as claim 13, which was one of the options suggested by the Examiner. Claim 4 was subsequently canceled and the claim objection is therefore moot.

New independent claim 13 is believed patentable since it comprises only matter from claim 1 and canceled claim 4.

All claims are now believed to be allowable.

It is requested that should Examiner Kielin not find that the Claims are now Allowable that the Examiner please call the undersigned attorney at (845) 452-5863, to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in
this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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